

**INVITATION FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES**  
**Colorado Department of Transportation**

**Statewide**

**Project: Advanced Guideway System (AGS) Feasibility Study**  
**Public Notice for Professional Consultants**

The AGS Feasibility Study is a result of the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) selection of the Preferred Alternative in the I-70 Mountain Corridor Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD specifies a multi-modal solution; including an advanced guideway system that will best meet the need for a long-term transportation solution in the I-70 Mountain Corridor.

The primary purpose of the Advanced Guideway System (AGS) Feasibility Study is to identify a technology and alignment that will have the best opportunity to be a cost-effective, safe, high-speed transit system that meets the criteria outlined in the Interstate 70 (I-70) Mountain Corridor Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (FPEIS), March 2010, and Record of Decision (ROD). The Study will be completed in collaboration with the manufacturing, engineering, project implementation, and financing industries (collectively, the "Industry") and with stakeholders represented through a Project Leadership Team.

The proposed Study area begins at the western edge of the Denver metropolitan area (at C-470/Jeffco Government Center light rail station) in Jefferson County, Colorado, and continues west along the I-70 Mountain Corridor to the vicinity of the Eagle County Regional Airport, Colorado.

The Consultant shall assist the CDOT Division of Transit and Rail in further advancing the development of the Study definition and in assessing the following Study goals:

- The feasibility of proposed alignments and technologies
- Financial options, including private investment incentives, for an advanced guideway project
- Transportation network interface, including highway system and transit connections

Primary responsibilities of the Consultant include development of a detailed work plan and schedule, stakeholder involvement process plan, and refined AGS Study definition and criteria. The Consultant will also be responsible for engaging the Industry in discussions; development of a Request for Proposal to solicit industry participation in the technology specific and financial analyses; and an assessment, summary, and recommendations regarding the resulting proposals. The Consultant will develop the AGS Feasibility Study in order to document, analyze, and prioritize the work submitted by Industry for review by CDOT and other stakeholders. A Final AGS Feasibility Study Report should include a summary of considerations (including selection criteria, potential impacts, mitigation opportunities, business structure, recommended project funding, and financing approach) used to determine feasibility of the identified technology(s) and alignments, and next steps if warranted.

This Project-Specific contract work will be done on an "as needed basis." The term, "as needed," means that neither CDOT nor the Consultant has an obligation under the contract unless and until a task order is issued. A contract resulting from the Invitation for Consultant Services is considered a "pricing agreement." CDOT anticipates that the compensation format on this contract will be "Cost Plus Fixed Fee," subject to further review by CDOT.

Interested Consultants:

- **For the Capacity factor included in the Statement of Interest portion of the consultant's submittal, and described in the SOI/WP Preparation Instructions For Consultants, the prime firm must demonstrate for themselves or any member of its team, capacity in the following areas: innovative and advanced rail technologies, project implementation and financing approaches.**
- **Submit seven (7) copies of the Statement of Interest/Work Plan no later than 12:00 noon local time, THURSDAY December 8, 2011, to:**

Jill Sweeney  
Contracting Officer, Agreements Program  
Colorado Department of Transportation  
4201 E. Arkansas Ave., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor - Central  
Denver, CO 80222

The scope of work along with the latest "Consultant Instructions for the Statement of Interest/Work Plan" and the anticipated consultant selection schedule must be obtained from the address shown above or from the CDOT website: <http://www.dot.state.co.us/Consultants/>  
Previous editions of the instructions should not be used.

**STATEMENTS OF INTEREST/WORK PLANS RECEIVED AFTER THE TIME AND DATE SPECIFIED WILL BE REJECTED. THE STATEMENT OF INTEREST/WORK PLAN MUST COMPLY WITH CDOT'S STANDARDIZED FORMAT REQUIREMENTS. PLEASE REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE REQUIRED FORMAT AS PROVIDED IN THE STATEMENT OF INTEREST/WORK PLAN INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN YOUR SUBMITTAL BEING REJECTED.**

**Questions of a technical nature regarding this project may be directed to:**

**Name:** Wendy Wallach  
**Organization:** CDOT Division of Transit & Rail  
**Telephone:** (303)757-9008

**CDOT will be holding interviews for this consultant selection.** From those firms submitting a Statement of Interest/Work Plan (SOI/WP), CDOT will short-list no less than three firms or individuals using the following criteria for final selection: Workload Factor; Project Team; Firm Capability; Past Performance on Similar Projects/Similar Teams; Work Location; Capacity; ESB Participation; Project Goals, Project Control, Project Concept, and Project Critical Issues, and Presentation/Interview (if applicable).

NOTE: Firms submitting a Statement of Interest/Work Plan (SOI/WP) must, in their submitted SOI/WP, expressly commit, and identify by name, key employees of their own staff, as well as of the staffs of the sub-consultants on their teams, to be available to do the Work.

**UDBE GOAL:**

**Optional DBE information:**

This contract is funded by Colorado FASTER funds. The Federal Rail Administration has not adopted the U.S. Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program therefore there is no DBE goal for this contract.

**Emerging Small Business:**

*For the RFP:*

Proposer will receive points for the incorporation of eligible Emerging Small Businesses (ESB) into its Statement of Interest. Points will range from 0 -5 according to the following scale:

- 5 - Superior
- 4 - Satisfactory Plus
- 3 – Satisfactory
- 2 – Satisfactory Minus
- 1 – Unsatisfactory
- 0 – No inclusion

A superior rating will be given for incorporation of Emerging Small Business participation throughout the Proposer's Statement of Interest. Incorporation may include the identification of quality opportunities for ESBs, the identification and description of any ESBs that can perform such services, and a commitment to utilize ESBs on the contract. When allocating points in this area, CDOT will also consider whether the Proposer is an eligible ESB and/or creative approaches to the integration of ESBs on the contract (i.e. mentoring, training, outreach, etc.).

A list of the current eligible ESBs can be found on the CDOT website at:

<http://www.coloradodot.info/content/business/eo/ESBDirectory.pdf>. To be eligible for the ESB Program, a consulting, research or professional services firm cannot exceed \$2,000,000 annual income averaged over the past three fiscal years. Proposer should recommend any business that falls below such threshold to apply for ESB eligibility. Applicants seeking to participate in this study will be given high priority. For more information contact Katherine Williams at (303) 757-9162 or [k.williams@dot.state.co.us](mailto:k.williams@dot.state.co.us).

*Include for the ESB Scoring Sheet:*

- 1) Identification of quality opportunities
- 2) Identification and description of ESBs
- 3) Commitments to ESBs
- 4) Creative approaches
- 5) ESB Prime

The type of compensation on this contract is anticipated to be a Cost Plus Fixed Fee format, subject to further review by CDOT.

CDOT assumes no obligation of any kind for expenses incurred by any respondent to this solicitation. The right is also reserved by CDOT to reject any and all submittals.